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Mr. Henry R. Wagner was one of the great American book collectors of our time. Much of my collecting enthusiasm was encouraged by a knowledge of Mr. Wagner's collecting activities and of his writings. I knew him as a friend only in the latter years of his life, after he had moved to San Marino. Whenever I went to California on a business trip, I always visited him and enjoyed some of the best book talk of my life. He was always "Mr. Wagner" to me and, as far as I know, to everyone else.

He was a remarkable man who thoroughly enjoyed his long life. He had graduated from Yale University Law School in 1886, but he practiced law only a short while before entering the mining business. Even in his busiest years, Mr. Wagner found time to pursue books and bibliographical research. These avocations interested him so much more than his business career that, in his fifties, he retired and spent the last forty years of his life doing the things he loved most to do.

His book collecting activities covered a long time and a wide range of subjects. His first sizable collection was on metallurgy. It consisted of some six hundred pieces which, together with his economics collection containing some ten thousand volumes, went to Yale University. For some years he resided in Mexico and while there became interested in the history and literature of the Mexican Revolutionary period from 1810 to 1821. The collection which he formed (containing, incidentally,

a large section devoted to Texas, then a part of Mexico) comprised over thirteen thousand pieces and it, too, went to Yale.

Mr. Wagner's long interest in our Southwest was stimulated, oddly enough, by his residence in Chile and his acquaintance with the great Chilean bibliographer, José Toribio Medina. This interest resulted in Mr. Wagner's invaluable bibliography, *The Spanish Southwest, 1542-1794...*, published in 1924 (second edition, in two volumes, 1937). The important collection on which the bibliography was largely based is now, in the main, part of the John Carter Brown Library. During the compilation of the work, Mr. Wagner often called on the Ayer Collection of The Newberry Library for information.

While Mr. Wagner formed many distinctly different collections during his lifetime, some of them were gathered simultaneously. That was one reason he was such a fascinating man—there was almost nothing in the book world which did not interest him. His collecting was intimately connected with his scholarly interests; in fact, his collections were usually brought together to fortify his research. For instance, about 1915 he became interested in books relating to the Trans-Mississippi West, although I am certain he had bought many Western books before that time. His expanding collection of overland narratives led him to compile and publish in 1921 his great *The Plains and the Rockies* (revised and amplified by Charles L. Camp in 1937 and 1953). The publication of this bibliography was a great stimulus to collecting in that field. Almost overnight, Western books were touted as either "In Wagner" or "NOT IN WAGNER." The collection Mr. Wagner formed of the Plains and the Rockies was sold to Henry E. Huntington in 1922.

In his *Sixty Years of Book Collecting*, published by the Zamorano Club in 1952, Mr. Wagner estimated that during his lifetime about 100,000 books, pamphlets, and related materials passed through his hands. He formed many collections

which I have not mentioned. He explained that when he had ceased to use a collection for scholarly purposes he disposed of it. Except for articles published in historical or bibliographical magazines, Mr. Wagner always published his own works. The market was thin for the kind of scholarly publication he produced, but his work was so deeply respected that he rarely found himself with unsold copies on his hands. In his autobiographical sketch, he suggests that even though he had no records of publication costs, he believed he had come out even. In 1955, Lawrence Clark Powell listed Mr. Wagner's writings as 167 publications.

Among the items mentioned by him on another occasion, Dr. Powell chose the following as Mr. Wagner's principal works:

*Sir Francis Drake's Voyage Around the World* (1926)  
*Spanish Voyages to the Northwest Coast of America*  
(1929)

*Juan Rodríguez Cabrillo, Discoverer of the Coast of California* (1941)

*The Rise of Hernando Cortés* (1944)

*The Cartography of the Northwest Coast of America*  
(1937)

*Nueva Bibliografía Mexicana Del Siglo XVI* (1940 [pub. 1946])

*The Spanish Southwest* (1924; second edition 1937)

*The Plains and the Rockies* (1921; revised 1937 and 1953)

The present exhibition of rare books and pamphlets has been chosen from among those described by Mr. Wagner in the last two works mentioned and from his *California Imprints: August 1846 - June 1851 . . .* (1922). The Newberry Library is happy to join with other research institutions throughout this country in honoring the centenary of Mr. Wagner's birth.

E. D. G.

## NOTE

*The books selected for this exhibition have been loaned from his private collection by Mr. Everett D. Graff, except as otherwise indicated. The reference at the lower right corner of each description locates Mr. Wagner's description of the book in the appropriate bibliography.*

*The descriptions, based upon those of H. R. Wagner, are the work of Colton Storm.*

## CATALOGUE

- [1] LEWIS, MERIWETHER, and WILLIAM CLARK  
*History of The Expedition under the Command of Captains Lewis and Clark, to the Sources of the Missouri... Performed during the Years 1804-5-6. . . . Prepared for the Press By Paul Allen, Esquire. . . . Philadelphia: Published by Bradford and Inskeep... 1814.*

[i]-xxviii, [1]-470. [i]-[x, x blank], [1]-522. 22.2 x 14.2 cm.

Five single page maps, one plate, and a folding map. Two volumes, original tan printed boards with title on front covers, advertisements on back covers, and short title on backstrips, uncut.

The Lewis and Clark Expedition was the first major exploration of the newly acquired Louisiana Territory by order of the Government of the United States. Copies of the first edition in the original printed board bindings are excessively scarce.

Also shown is Thomas Jefferson's copy of the work (with his ownership marks: a manuscript "T" before the printed signature "I" and a manuscript "J" after the printed signature "T"), which was presented to William Clark and bears his and Julia Clark's signatures.

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- [2] PATTIE, JAMES OHIO  
*The Personal Narrative of James O. Pattie, of Kentucky, during an Expedition from Saint Louis, through the vast Regions between that Place and the Pacific Ocean, and thence back through the City of Mexico to Vera Cruz, during Journeyings of Six Years . . . Edited by Timothy Flint. Cincinnati: Printed and Published by John H. Wood, 1831.*

[i]-[xii, xii blank], [13]-300. 19.8 x 12 cm. Five plates engraved by W. Woodruff. Original tree sheep, red leather label.

The *Personal Narrative* is a thrilling account of adventures on the Sante Fé Trail and descriptions of trapping for furs in the Southwest. Some parts would be suitable for a poor television

"western." Pattie's veracity has been questioned and his personal character, as revealed in his book, condemned. Yet he produced a readable, exciting story.

"Pattie really existed as Bancroft has demonstrated from the California archives and, what is more, was in California at the time, so it is fair to assume the rest of the narrative is at least substantially true."—Wagner

Copies dated 1831 are considerably scarcer than copies dated 1833; the latter are from the same printing, but with a new title-page.

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[3] WISLEZENUS, FREDERICK ADOLPHUS

*Ein Ausflug nach den Felsen-Gebirgen im Jahre 1839  
... St. Louis, Mo., Gedruckt bei Wilh. Weber ... 1840.*

[1]-[126]. 17.7 x 12 cm. Map. Contemporary brown marbled boards, red leather label on backstrip.

"A very rare book and one covering a very interesting period of western history."—Wagner. The author, a St. Louis physician, traveled the Oregon Trail in 1839 with a group of traders. He went to the rendezvous on the Green River, on to Fort Hall and then returned to Missouri via North Park, Cache la Poudre, Bent's Fort, and the Santa Fé Trail.

Mr. Wagner chose this as one of "the twenty rarest and most important books dealing with the history of California." Less than a dozen copies are known; not all of them carry the handsome folding map.

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[4] HASTINGS, LANSFORD WARREN

*The Emigrants' Guide, to Oregon and California . . .  
with a Description of the Different Routes to those  
Countries . . . Cincinnati: Published by George Conclin  
... 1845.*

[1]-152. 22 x 14 cm. Original tan printed wrappers with title on front wrapper and advertisements on verso of back wrapper.

"In March 1945, Mr. Wagner told me that he had never been able to secure a first edition of the Hastings *Guide*. In 1923, he



saw in Eberstadt's possession a copy [this copy] in original printed wrappers which he was very much tempted to buy, but finally declined because he had sold his collection. He told me this was the only copy in wrappers that he had ever seen or heard of."—EDG

Mr. Wagner chose this as one of the twenty rarest and most important books on California.

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[5] WILSON, RICHARD LUSH

*Short Ravelings from a Long Yarn, or Camp and March Sketches of the Santa Fé Trail . . . [Edited by Benjamin F. Taylor.] . . . Chicago, Ill.: Printed and Published by Geer & Wilson . . . 1847.*

[1]-64. 22.5 x 15 cm. Woodcut illustrations on front wrapper, title-page, and in the text. Yellow printed wrappers with title on front wrapper.

Although published in 1847, Wilson was probably on the Santa Fé Trail in 1841. The work contains an exceptionally fine account of a buffalo hunt. As late as 1937 the work was known in only one copy; since then three others have been located including the present copy.

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[6] CLAYTON, WILLIAM

*The Latter-Day Saints' Emigrants' Guide: Being a Table of Distances, Showing all the Springs, Creeks, Rivers, Hills, Mountains, Camping Places, and all other Notable Places, from Council Bluffs, to the Valley of the Great Salt Lake . . . St. Louis: Mo. Republican Steam Power Press—Chambers & Knapp, 1848.*

[1]-24. 18.5 x 11.5 cm. Contemporary blue wrappers.

"I have not seen any other copy than mine of this guide, written by a Mormon who went out to Salt Lake with the advanced Mormon emigration and invented an odometer to measure the distance. Afterward Clayton was a very prominent citizen of Utah."—Wagner

Since 1921, at least eleven more copies have been found.

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- [7] CAIN, JOSEPH, and ARIEH C. BROWER  
... *Mormon Way-Bill, to the Gold Mines, from the Pacific Springs, by the Northern & Southern Routes, viz. Fort Hall, Salt Lake, and Los Angeles[!], including Sublet's[!], Hudspeth's, and the various Cut-Off's* ... *G. S. L. City, Deseret; W. Richards, Printer, 1851.*  
[1]-[40]. 13.5 x 10.7 cm. Stabbed, uncut.

The *Mormon Way-Bill*, a very popular guide, is a pamphlet which Mr. Wagner had not seen in 1921; by 1937 a single copy had been found and in 1962 the work is known in four copies.

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- [8] HALE, JOHN  
*California As It Is; being a Description of a Tour by the Overland Route And South Pass of the Rocky Mountains. Across the Continent of N. America* ... *Rochester: Printed for the Author, by W. Heughes* ... 1851.

[1]-40. 19.8 x 12 cm. Original buff printed wrappers with title on front wrapper and the same inverted on recto of back wrapper.

"If, by publishing this work, I shall succeed in persuading even a few of my fellow-citizens to remain in a civilized country, who would otherwise be induced to emigrate to California, my object will in a measure have been accomplished and my labors and experience prove not altogether useless."—Hale

Hale's pamphlet was described for the first time in the 1953 edition of *The Plains and the Rockies*. At the present time, only two complete copies and one copy lacking wrappers are known.

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- [9] KELLER, GEORGE  
*A Trip across the Plains, and Life in California; Embracing A Description of the Overland Route* ... *The Gold Mines of California* ... [Massillon, Ohio: White's Press, 1851.]



[i]-vi, [7]-58, [59-60 blank]. 18 x 11.4 cm. Original tan printed wrappers with short title on front wrapper.

"The only copy of this journal which I have seen is in the Huntington Library . . ."—Wagner. Since 1921, five other copies have been found.

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[10] AUDUBON, JOHN WOODHOUSE

*Illustrated Notes of an Expedition through Mexico and California . . . New-York: Published by J. W. Audubon . . . 1852.*

[i-iv], [1]-48. 44.1 x 33 cm. Four colored lithographs. Original brown printed wrappers with title on front wrapper, bound into red half levant morocco, gilt top.

*Provenance:* With the bookplate of Ruthven Deane and with a long manuscript note by him on the first blank leaf.

An elaborate, illustrated journal was projected, but lack of support led to its abandonment after this first number. The plates, after drawings by the author, are brilliant impressions beautifully colored. The complete journal was not published until 1906.

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[11] PLATT, P. L., and NELSON SLATER

*The Travelers' Guide Across the Plains, upon the Overland Route to California . . . Chicago: Printed at the Daily Journal Office, 1852.*

[i]-[vi, vi blank], [7]-64. 14.5 x 10.2 cm. Folding, untitled map: [Northwestern United States and the Platt & Slater route to California]. [Lower centre:] R. N. White. Sc. English Prairie. Ill./[Below map:] four lines of errata including heading. 9.9 x 22.5 cm. No scale given. Original yellow printed wrappers with title on front wrapper: Platt & Slater's/Guide to California/Overland:/Describing all the Main Routes,/and giving the Measured Distances of/Streams, Camping Places, Wood,/Water, Grass, &c.,/With a Map of the Route./[decorative rule]/Chicago:/Printed at the Daily Journal Office./[short rule]/1852/[within decorative border].

The only known perfect copy. Unfortunately, the single imperfect copy known to Wagner and Camp lacked the wrappers,

the title-leaf, and sixteen pages of text. The work was tentatively dated 1854 from internal evidence. With the appearance of the present copy, complete and perfect, the date 1852 is known to be the year of publication.

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[See illustration on page 7]

[12] STEELE, JOHN

*The Traveler's Companion through the Great Interior. A Guide for the Road to California, by the South Pass in the Rocky Mountains . . . Galena: Power Press of H. H. Houghton & Co., 1854.*

[I]-V, [6]-54, [55-6 blank]. 14.2 x 9.6 cm. Original pink printed wrappers with short title on front wrapper.

"The author of this little guide went to California overland in the summer of 1850 . . . The guide which he published shortly after his return to Galena, in 1854 is compiled from his journal reflecting conditions as they existed in the summer of 1850, and not those of 1854 . . . I have not seen any other copy of this little guide recently obtained from the widow of the Author . . ."  
—Wagner

Only four more copies have been found since 1921.

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[13] PARSONS, WILLIAM BOSTWICK

*The Gold Mines of Western Kansas; Being a Complete Description of the Newly Discovered Gold Mines . . . Lawrence, Kansas: Printed for the Author . . . 1858.*

[1]-45, [46-8 advertisements]. 18.9 x 11.8 cm. Original green printed wrappers with title on front wrapper and advertisement on verso of back wrapper.

This is the first Pike's Peak guide book and the only one published the year of the Rush, 1858.

Although the only other known copy of the first edition of Parsons is in the Library of Congress and was known to Sabin, Mr. Wagner omitted it from his 1921 edition. It was not included until 1953.

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# THE TRAVELERS' GUIDE

ACROSS THE PLAINS, UPON THE

## OVERLAND ROUTE TO CALIFORNIA

Showing Distances from Point to Point, accurately measured by Roadometer,

AND

DESCRIBING THE SPRINGS, STREAMS OF WATER, HILLS,  
MOUNTAINS, CAMPING-PLACES AND OTHER NOTA-  
BLE OBJECTS ALONG THE ROUTE;

## WITH AN APPENDIX,

CONTAINING THE ROUTES FROM COUNCIL BLUFFS TO FORT LARAMIE;  
FROM FORT LEAVENWORTH TO THE BIG BLUE RIVER; THE  
ROUTES BY WAY OF SALT LAKE AND FT. HALL, AND  
A GENERAL SUMMARY OF DISTANCES.

By P. L. PLATT and N. SLATER, A. M

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CHICAGO:

PRINTED AT THE DAILY JOURNAL OFFICE  
1852.

*Title-page from the only known perfect copy of  
the Platt and Slater Guide, which made possible  
correct dating of the book.*

- [14] PEASE & COLE, Chicago  
*Complete Guide to the Gold Districts of Kansas & Nebraska . . . Chicago: W. H. Rand, Printer . . . 1859.*  
[1]-20. 16.3 x 10.7 cm. Folding Map of the Routes to the Gold Regions . . . Original maroon cloth, title in gilt on front cover.

The Pease & Cole *Guide* is as scarce as the Parsons, being known also in two copies only. Mr. Wagner knew of it by the time of the 1937 edition of *The Plains and the Rockies*.

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- [15] DREW, CHARLES S.  
*Official Report of the Owyhee Reconnaissance, Made by Lieut. Colonel C. S. Drew, 1st Oregon Cavalry, In the Summer of 1864 . . . Jacksonville, Oregon: Oregon Sentinel Printing Office, 1865.*  
[i-ii, ii blank], [1]-[32]. 21.1 x 14 cm. Original yellow printed wrappers with title on front wrapper.

*Provenance:* Presentation copy inscribed on the front wrapper: Hon. J. W. Nesmith, U. S. Senate, compliments of C. S. Drew.

The *Report* describes the first exploration of the area between Fort Klamath and the Owyhee country. The result of the reconnaissance was a shorter emigrant route (by about three hundred miles) between northern California and southern Oregon. The *Report* was not included in Mr. Wagner's 1921 edition.

Of the three other known copies of this work, one is incomplete and another has been made up of two fragments.

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- [16] CALIFORNIA. MILITARY GOVERNOR (*i.e.*, R. B. Mason)  
[Broadside] *Police Regulations, for the Harbors of California. [45 lines of text] . . . Done at Monterey, this 15th day of September, 1847. W. Branford Shubrick, Comd'g. U. S. Naval Forces, in the Pacific Ocean. R. B. Mason, Col. 1st Drag., and Gov. of California.*

Broadside, 31.2 x 21.5 cm. Text, 27.2 x 15.1 cm.

Although dated from Monterey, the broadside was printed at San Francisco. "August 16, 1847, Mason addressed a letter to Shubrick in which after adverting on some difficulties in the collection of duties, he suggests that some port regulations be established governing the same and asks that Shubrick communicate a copy of such resolutions."—Wagner

Only one other copy of this broadside has been located.

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[17] CALIFORNIA. MILITARY GOVERNOR (*i.e.*, Bennett Riley)

[*Broadside*] *Proclamation To the People of California. [315 lines of text in four columns] Given at Monterey, California, this third day of June, A. D. 1849. (Signed) B. Riley, Brevet Genl. U. S. A., and Governor of California. Official—H. W. Halleck, Bvt. Capt. and Secretary of State.*

Broadside, 41.3 x 33.4 cm. Text, 33.3 x 26.2 cm.

"This is Riley's proclamation calling for an election of delegates to meet at Monterey September 1, and assigning the election districts."—Wagner. The purpose of the meeting was to prepare a constitution for California. An edition of the broadside was printed in Spanish.

Only four other copies of the broadside have been located.

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[18] CALIFORNIA. CONSTITUTION

*Constitution of the State of California. San Francisco: Printed at the Office of the Alta California, 1849.*

[1]-19, [20 blank]. 22.3 x 14.5 cm. Removed from bound volume, unbound.

*Provenance:* Inscribed in pencil on title-page: G. M. Hillyer Aberdeen Miss. with C V Gillespie's compts.

This first appearance of the *Constitution* in book form is an extremely important work. It is also one of the earliest books printed in San Francisco. "It is stated that 8000 copies in English and 2000 in Spanish were printed, paid for by Riley."—Wagner



Mr. Wagner chose this as one of the twenty rarest and most important books of Californiana.

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[19] WIERZBICKI, FELIX PAUL

*California As It Is and As It May Be, or, A Guide to the Gold Region . . . San Francisco: Printed by Washington Bartlett . . . 1849.*

[1]-[62]. 21.6 x 15.3 cm. Original glazed lavender wrappers.

*Provenance:* Two inscriptions on page [3] by members of the Tucker family. Bookplate of Guy C. Littell.

"This book for a long time was, and still is, for that matter, generally stated to be the first book printed in San Francisco, or California. This is not true in any sense, as Figueroa's Manifesto, printed in Monterey in 1835, was actually the first book printed in California. Nevertheless this is the first book of an original nature printed in California, in English, as the pamphlets printed before this were entirely of an official character. From this fact, and the interesting character of the contents, it is probably the most important book that was ever printed in California."—Wagner. Mr. Wagner chose this as one of the twenty rarest and most important California books.

Less than a dozen copies of this work have been located.

*California Imprints* 44

[20] KIMBALL, CHARLES PROCTOR

*The San Francisco City Directory . . . San Francisco: Journal of Commerce Press . . . 1850.*

[1]-136. 14 x 9.4 cm. Original yellow printed wrappers with title on front wrapper and advertisements on verso of back wrapper.

*Provenance:* Bookplate of John Francis Neylan.

"Kimball's diary is still in existence, in which he recounts his difficulties, having started work on it in June, finishing September 27, on which day it was distributed.

"The Picayune of September 27 contains the first notice of it. In the Preface, Kimball styles it the first directory, which so far as we know is true, as the previous issues of Business Directories by Campbell and Hoogs and Bogardus were not directories in any

proper sense of the term."—Wagner

Only five other copies of the work have been located.

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[21] NUNEZ CABEZA DE VACA, ALVAR

*La relacion y comentarios del gouernador Aluar nuñez cabeça de vaça, de lo acaescido en las dos jornadas que hizo a las Indias. Con priuilegio. Esta Tassada por los señores del consejo en Ochēta y cinco m̄rs. [Colophon: Impresso en Valladolid, por Francisco fernandez de Cordoua. Año de mil y quiniennnientos y cinquenta y cinco años.] [1555]*

A-G<sup>8</sup>, [\*]<sup>2</sup>, H-S<sup>8</sup>. [i]-lvi, [1-4], lvii-clxiiii leaves. Large woodcut arms of Spain in two colors on title-page. Rebound in vellum.

Mr. Wagner believed that an edition may have been printed in 1537 or 1538, but no copy has been found. The earliest extant edition is dated 1542 and of this only one perfect copy is known. The 1555 edition shown here is the second extant edition.

The author commanded one of the two remaining boats of the Pánfilo de Narváez expedition of 1527-1528, when the eighty survivors landed on Mal Hado Island off the coast of Texas. At first the Indians aided them, but when sickness and hunger reduced the number of explorers to fifteen, the Indians made slaves of them. Cabeza de Vaca fled, after two years, to a tribe of Indians on the mainland with whom he became a trader. In 1534 he and three companions started their wondrous trek west across Texas. They reached Mexico City on July 23, 1536.

From the Edward E. Ayer Collection.

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[22] ESPEJO, ANTONIO DE

*Histoire des Terres Nouuellement Descouuertes, ausquelles a esté ja trouué quinze belles Prouinces remplies de villes & villages . . . lesquelles terres ont esté descouuertes par Antonio de Espejo & Nommees le nouveau Mexico. Traduict de l'Espagnol en langue françoise, par M. Basanier . . . Paris: Chez la vefue Nicolas Roffet . . .*

M.D.LXXXVI . . .

A-F<sup>4</sup>. [1]-[48]. 15.9 x 9.7 cm. Rebound in red crushed levant morocco, covers inlaid with green, maroon and tan morocco, gilt tooled, backstrip inlaid with maroon and green morocco, red crushed levant morocco doublures, gilt, similar fly-leaves, red edges, by Zaehnsdorf.

*Provenance:* Lenox Foundation—New York Public Library copy.

Espejo's description of the discovery of New Mexico had appeared first in Spanish in the Madrid edition of González de Mendoza's *Historia* . . . in 1586. The same year, the Espejo account was published in Spanish at Paris at the instance of Richard Hakluyt. The Basanier translation into French followed very closely. Only two other copies of this French edition have been found, one in the New York Public Library and the other in the Graff Collection. The latter copy is also exhibited, since it is a unique variant in which the inner formes of gatherings C and D were reversed and the copy corrected by pasting two half sheets together so that the proper formes matched.

From the Edward E. Ayer Collection.

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[23] VILLAGRA, GASPAR DE

[*Caption title*] . . . *Servicios que a su Magestad ha hecho el Capitan Gaspar de Villagra, para que V. m. le haga merced* . . .

A<sup>4</sup>. 1-4 leaves. 29.6 x 20.5 cm. Rebound in brown morocco, gilt and blind tooled borders on sides, by Sangorski & Sutcliffe.

"This *relación* contains a summary of the various appointments which Villagrà received from Oñate and certifications of his services by Saldívar and Vivero."—Wagner. It was printed at Madrid in 1615.

The present copy differs slightly from the copy described by Mr. Wagner. The first leaf is foliated and there are no signatures on the verso of the last leaf. Only two other copies of the work have been located.

From the Graff Collection at The Newberry Library.

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[24] BENAVIDES, ALONSO DE

*Memorial Que Fray Iuan de Santander de la Orden de san Francisco, Comissario General de Indias, presenta a la Magestad Catolica del Rey don Felipe Quarto nuestro Señor. Hecho por el Padre Fray Alonso de Benauides Comissario del Santo Oficio, y Custodia que ha sido de las Prouincias, y conuersiones del Nueuo-Mexico . . . En Madrid en la Imprenta Real. Año M. DC. XXX.*

[B4], A<sup>4</sup>, B<sup>3</sup>, C-G<sup>4</sup>, H<sup>2</sup>, I-O<sup>4</sup>. [i-ii], [1]-109, [110-12 blank]. (Pagination errors include omitted numbers.) Contemporary limp vellum, leather ties.

*Provenance:* H. R. Wagner—H. V. Jones copy.

"In spite of the fact that in 1631 Benavides wrote to his brethren in Mexico stating that the *Memorial* had been so well received in Spain that four hundred copies had been distributed, the book is of extreme rarity and always seems to have been. Very few of the later writers on New Mexico or on María Jesús de Agreda mention it. For the miraculous conversions of which Benavides writes, not his book is quoted but Ximénez Samaniego's *Life of the Nun*."—Wagner

Mrs. Edward E. Ayer translated the work and it was published in 1900-01 and in 1916.

Both the exhibition copy and the Ayer copy show two contemporary manuscript corrections on page 21 unmentioned by Mr. Wagner.

From the Graff Collection at The Newberry Library.

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[25] LE CLERCQ, CHRÉTIEN

*Premier Etablissement de la Foy dans la Nouvelle France . . . A Paris: Chez Amable Auroy . . . M. DC. XCI . . .*

ā<sup>8</sup>, ē<sup>2</sup>, A-Zz alternately 8 and 4 leaves, Aaa<sup>4</sup>. [\*]<sup>1</sup>, [\*\*]<sup>4</sup>, A<sup>8</sup>, B<sup>2</sup>, C-Pp alternately 8 and 4 leaves, Qq<sup>1</sup>. [i-xx], [1]-559, [560 blank.] [i-x], [1]-458 [i.e., 454]. 15.5 x 9 cm. Folding map. Two volumes, contemporary mottled calf, gilt tooled backstrips, red sprinkled edges.

"Le Clercq was not himself a member of the last expedition of

La Salle, but inserted in his book an account by Father Anastase Douay, who did accompany the unfortunate explorer and witnessed his assassination. It appears to be the first published account of the ill-fated expedition."—Wagner

The present copy is one of the early printings with the collation as given above. The title begins *Premier Etablissement* instead of *Etablissement*; the Privilege is dated April 20; the engraved map is present; leaf A1 in the second volume is not a cancel and shows the error "Chapitre I"; the "Table des Chapitres" is present in the second volume. The catalogue of books, however, is not present in the second volume.

Mr. Thomas W. Streeter, after a recent careful examination of this work, reported he found only two copies (his own and that in the Ayer Collection) of the *Premier Etablissement* issue with the map. To these we now add a third copy. He found two copies of the *Etablissement* issue with the map and a possible third copy. Nine other copies of the work without map in the two issues were located.

From the Graff Collection at The Newberry Library.

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- [26] PENA Y REYES, JUAN ANTONIO DE LA  
*Derrotero de la Expedicion en la Provincia de los Texas,  
Nuevo Reyno de Philipinas, que de Orden del Exc<sup>mo</sup>.  
Señor Marquès de Valero . . . Con Licencia en Mexico:  
En la Imprenta Nueva Plantiniana de Juan Francisco  
de Ortega Bonilla . . . Año de 1722.*

A-N<sup>2</sup>, [O]<sup>1</sup>. [i], [1-29] leaves. 28.3 x 20 cm. Four engraved folding plans and one folding manuscript map. Re-bound in tree calf, green morocco label.

*Provenance:* H. V. Jones copy.

The Spanish expedition of the Marqués de San Miguel de Aguayo to secure control of Texas is described in Peña's *Derrotero*. Several Spanish missions had been forced to retreat to San Antonio by the French and the Indians. The Aguayo expedition (1720-1722) retrieved the Spanish position. This is generally considered the first book relating wholly to Texas.

The manuscript map (Carta de la Bahía del Spiritu S[an]to de la Prov[inci]a de las Nuevas Philipinas . . .) is exceptionally interesting. According to a manuscript note on the verso, the in-

formation was supplied by Aguayo himself. One other copy (of seven known) contains this manuscript map.

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[27] ESPINOSA, ISIDRO FELIX DE

*El Peregrino Septentrional Atlante: Delineado en la Exemplarissima Vida del Venerable Padre F. Antonio Margil de Jesus . . . En Mexico por Joseph Bernardo de Hogal . . . Año de 1737.*

[\*]<sup>1</sup>, 11-11111<sup>4</sup>, W<sup>2</sup>, A-L11<sup>4</sup>, Mmm<sup>2</sup>. [i-xxxviii], [1]-456, [457-60 Index]. 19.9 x 14.6 cm. Copperplate portrait. Limp contemporary vellum, title in manuscript on backstrip.

"Father Antonio is particularly noted in Southwest history for his expedition to Texas in 1716 and the founding of the missions in northeast Texas. For some years previous he had been in charge of the organization of the College of Guadalupe in Zacatecas, and a guardian having been appointed in 1713, Father Antonio was free to make a missionary effort in the north. Several years were passed in Nueva León and Coahuila, until in April, 1716, the Texas expedition set out from the missions on the Rio del Norte, the account of which will be found on pages 278-290. Espinosa accompanied Father Antonio on his expedition, and gives a touching account of the old man in an illness which overtook him. The French having invaded the province, the missionaries were obliged to abandon the missions in 1719."—Wagner

The title-page was set twice, but priority between the two has not yet been determined.

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[28] ANSALDO, MATHEO

*. . . Empleos Apostolicos, y religiosas virtudes del fervoroso P. Joseph Xavier de Molina . . .*

A-H<sup>4</sup>. [1]-64. 19.4 x 14 cm. Rebound in light brown morocco.

Printed in Mexico City by Doña Maria de Rivera in 1743.

"The *Empleos Apostolicos* of Father Matheo Ansaldo contains an extremely interesting account of Father Molina's various travels . . . How long he served in the missions of Pimería Alta it is impossible to judge . . .

"The letter is the only printed life, that I have seen, of any

one of the Jesuit fathers who were located in Pimería Alta. The author, Matheo Ansaldo, was a kind of professional biographer of the Jesuits at this time."—Wagner

Only eight copies of this work have been located.

From the Graff Collection at the Newberry Library.

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[29] COSTANSO, MIGUEL

*Diario Historico de los Viages de Mar, y Tierra hechos al Norte de la California de Orden del Excelentissimo Señor Marques de Croix, Virrey, Gobernador, y Capitan General de la Nueva España . . . [Mexico City, 1770.]*

A-O<sup>2</sup>, P<sup>1</sup>. [i-ii], [1]-56. 28.9 x 19.1 cm. Rebound in full brown levant morocco, blind tooled borders and panels, gilt edges, by Rivière.

Of this first exploration of California, Mr. Wagner wrote, in part, "The Portolá expedition reached Monterey in May, 1770, took formal possession June 3d, and drew up the requisite *autos*, the originals of which still exist in the Mexican archives. On July 9, together with Costansó and Juan Pérez, Portolá left for San Blas, where he arrived August 1. Portolá immediately sent off to Mexico the documents relating to the taking of possession, and he at once followed the manuscripts, arriving in Mexico on August 10 . . ." Mr. Wagner chose this as one of the twenty rarest and most important California books.

Mr. Streeter has noted that this is the first book relating exclusively to California. It is very rare.

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[30] CALIFORNIA (PROVINCE).

*Reglamento Para El Gobierno De La Provincia De Californias. Aprobado por S. M. en Real Orden de 24. de Octubre de 1781. En Mexico. Por D. Felipe de Zuñiga y Ontiveros, calle del Espiritu Santo, Año de 1784.*

[\*]<sup>1</sup>, [A]-I<sup>2</sup>, K<sup>1</sup>. [i-ii], [1]-[38]. 28 x 19.8 cm. Bound with a collection of laws, etc. in early nineteenth century mottled calf, gilt backstrip, yellow edges.

"These regulations governed the conduct of affairs in the Cali-

fornias until Mexico became independent.”—Wagner

Mr. Wagner chose this as one of the twenty most important California books.

Only six copies of the *Reglamento* are known.

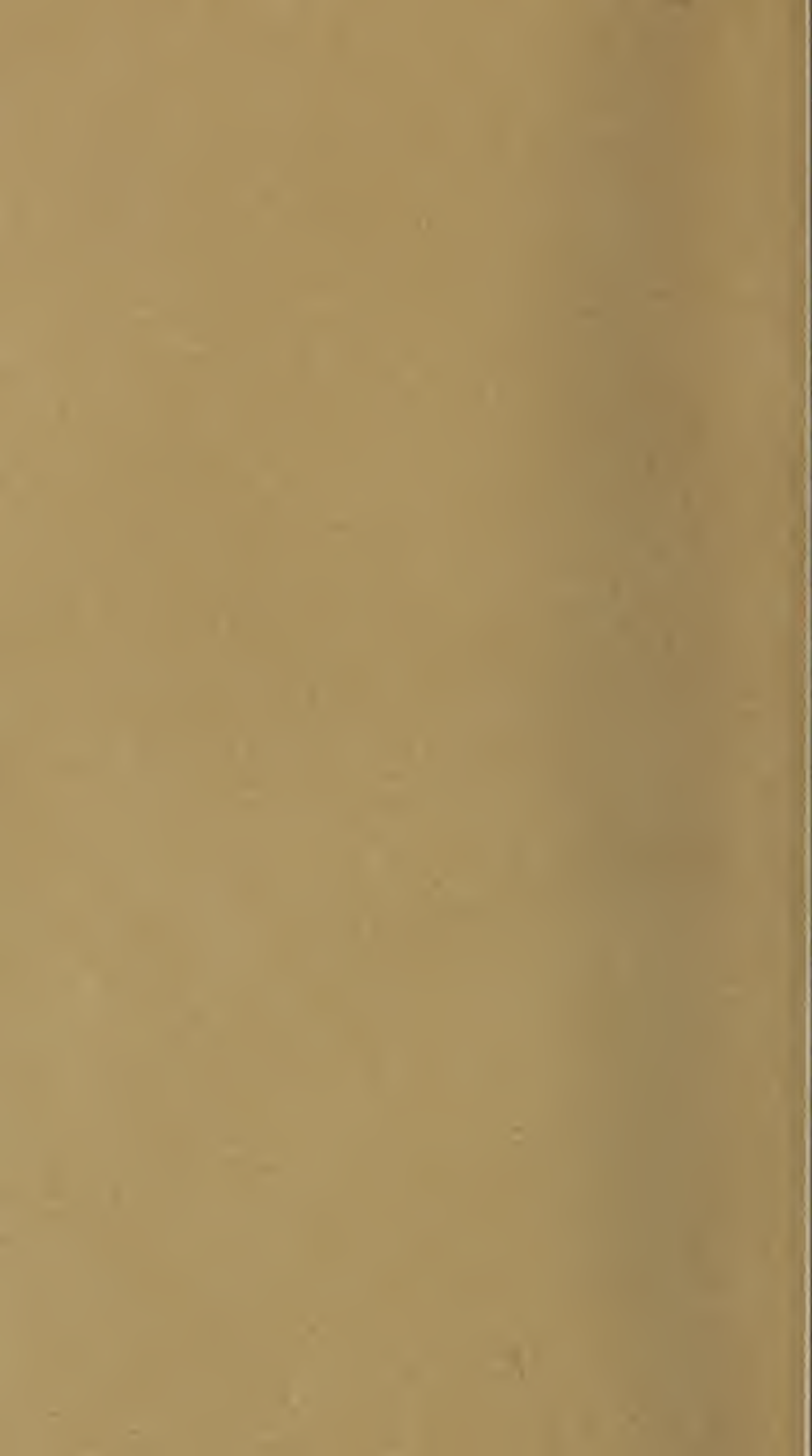
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